

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION  
OCTOBER 7, 2021

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a work session on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Ginger Morris, Clarence Thomas, and Tim Williamson.

The purpose of the work session was to discuss the following:

- Property tax refund: Gibbs/Williamson
- Review 2021 County Audit
- Road Department equipment and projects
- Building repairs and maintenance
- Review Board of Commissioners/Board of Education redistricting map
- Review proposed Agenda for Monday, October 11, 2021 regular meeting

The Board discussed a property tax refund from Bobby and Melinda Gibbs and Tim Williamson with Tax Commissioner Loretta Lane and by Zoom with County Attorney Paul Cook. Attorney Cook will investigate the issue further to determine if the tax commissioner has the authority to refund the school board's taxes without their permission.

Auditors from McNair, McLemore and Middlebrooks gave the 2020 Audit Report through Zoom. The Auditors gave an unmodified opinion.

County Works Superintendent Milton Fountain and the Board discussed trading in the 2013 motor grader and discussed options on a lease with representatives from John Deere and Caterpillar.

The Board discussed bidding on a dump truck from Rebel Auction.

The Road Department safety meeting was held on September 29, 2021 with the topic being 'COVID Awareness and Preparedness' with eight employees present at the meeting.

Littlefield Construction has put down stabilizer on Tara Drive. The Road Department placed cold patch in some of the potholes on Bear Creek. The cold patching material is holding up for now.

The def fuel pump is not working on the backhoe and will need repairing.

Mr. Fountain requested the Board adopt an ordinance that will require logging companies to install a pipe in ditches and remove it when they are through logging.

The Board reviewed quotes from All Clean and Ray Edge on cleaning up the mold and repairing the Forestry Unit building.

The concrete walkways at the Courthouse are completed.

The drain line at the Alston Recycling Center has roots growing in it. Mr. Fountain will get this repaired.

The Board reviewed the County redistricting map for the Board of Commissioners and Board of Education.

The Board reviewed the proposed agenda for the October 11, 2021 regular meeting.

The work session ended at 7:45 pm.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 11, 2021

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 11, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Ginger Morris, Clarence Thomas, and Tim Williamson. Commissioner Thomas arrived five minutes late.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order.

The invocation was led by Donnie Daniels followed by the pledge to the flag.

The agenda was approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from the September 9, 2021 work session were approved on a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the September 13, 2021 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the September 21, 2021 special called meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas arrived at this time, 5:35 pm.

Michelle Johnson, from the Greater Vidalia Chamber of Commerce informed the Board of upcoming events.

Under Reports, Recreation Director Kendall Bennamon reported he has two flag football teams, two tackle football teams, four soccer teams and one cheer squad this season. Mr. Bennamon reported there were several lights out on all three baseball fields. He has had a couple complaints from parents. One complaint dealt with the delay of the cheer uniforms, which is beyond his control, and the other is him not being at the football games. Mr. Bennamon informed the Board he has

assistance from the high school football coach at the football games while he is at the recreation department at soccer games.

EMA Director Donnie Daniels reported there were 18 calls in the County for the fire departments in September. Mr. Daniels thanked Chief Deputy Ron Bivins for his assistance in the warning siren test last Wednesday.

County Works Director Milton Fountain reported the part for the backhoe is in and someone will be here on Monday to repair the backhoe.

The Board reviewed the financial report.

Under Old Business, the Board agreed to the first adoption of a resolution (Res. No. 21-11-01) of the Speed Ordinance amendment and authorized the advertisement of the amendment on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board agreed to the first adoption of a resolution (Res. No. 21-11-02) of the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance amendment and authorized the advertisement of the amendment on a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Chairman Adams, seconded by Commissioner Morris, the Board agreed to rescind the motion made by Commissioner Thomas and seconded by Commissioner Kenney in the September 13, 2021 regular meeting refunding Bobby and Melinda Gibbs overpaid property taxes in the amount of \$1,351.67. Motion carried unanimously.

Under New Business, on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board adopted a resolution (Res. No. 21-10-01) to amend the 2020 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the bid and contract to sell nine acres of timber located at 208 Earthsaver Drive to Tar Land and Timber, Inc for \$12,199.00. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board agreed to authorize a request for proposals to purchase a new motor grader for the road department. The requested quotes should be for a 24-month lease and a 36-month lease. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed two dump trucks that are up for bid at Rebel Auction. On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Morris the Board authorized County Manager Brandon Braddy to bid up to \$150,000.00, excluding buyer fees. Mr. Braddy will try to get one of the two dump trucks. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed a small John Deere lawn tractor that is up for bid at Rebel Auction. On a motion by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board agreed to

authorize County Manager Brandon Braddy to bid up to \$8,000.00 on the tractor. Motion carried unanimously. This tractor will be used by the Recreation Department to maintain the ball fields.

The Board reviewed quotes on removing the mold and repairing what will be torn out at the Forestry building from Allclean for \$7,200.00 and from Ray Edge for \$7,900.00. On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Morris the Board accepted the bid from Ray Edge for \$7,900.00. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Edge's bid included more extensive repair work than Allclean's bid.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
OCTOBER 22, 2021

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a special called meeting on Friday, October 22, 2021 at 11:30 am to discuss purchasing road department equipment. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Clarence Thomas, and Tim Williamson.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order.

The Board reviewed a state contract price quote from MHC Georgia Kenworth, Inc on a 2022 Kenworth dump truck for \$148,278.48.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Williamson the Board agreed to lease/purchase the 2022 Kenworth dump truck from MHC Kenworth for \$148,278.48 and finance it through BancorpSouth for 72 months with a 2.59% finance rate (Res. No. 21-10-02). Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Adams declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.